



In the event the case is not settled on or before April 3, 2017, counsel shall include in their joint report a statement as to whether they believe a settlement conference before a magistrate judge or mediation under Local Civil Rule 53.3 and the Mediation Protocol Under Local Civil Rule 53.3 might be of assistance in resolving the case and, if so, on what form of alternate dispute resolution they agree and by what date they will be prepared to begin such proceedings. If the parties agree on alternative dispute resolution and deem it appropriate to suspend further proceedings under the Scheduling Order until the question of settlement is fully explored, they should request a *vacatur* of the Scheduling Order in their joint report.

**BY THE COURT:**

**/s/ Hon. Jan E. DuBois**

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**DuBOIS, JAN E., J.**